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FIRE ON ENGLISH FLAG.

Venezuelan Gunboat Does the Daring Act.

Makes An English Schooner Heave to and the Crew Get Out and Wait.

New York Strike to End. Strikers are Very Successful.

MARYLAND REPUBLICANS. Ho'd a Hot State Convention.

Jas. J. Corbett Married Again

A Bad N.E.R.R. Freight Wreck.

Queen's Speech Read Today.

Tramps Killed in a Wreck.

HOW ENGLAND WILL ROAR.

A Venezuelan Gunboat Overhauls a British Schooner in a Bold Way.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
New York, Aug. 15.—Advices from Barbados, West Indies, state that the British schooner, Ellen, while on a voyage from Trinidad to Martin, Venezuela, in the latter part of July was fired upon by a Venezuelan gunboat. Captain Truxillo, owner and master of the Ellen and a Britisher, sent up British ensign to his masthead, but the gunboat sent another shot which rent the schooner's sails. Capt. Truxillo was compelled to "heave to" and the gunboat came alongside. The captain, passengers and crew were forced to enter a small boat where they were detained four hours. Meantime the Venezuelans had searched the ship, but finding nothing to detain her they were allowed to continue their voyage. The matter has been reported to the Colonial office, London. The crew of the Ellen are Britishers and the vessel is registered at Trinidad.

STRIKE ENDED.

And Union Men in New York are Successful.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
New York, Aug. 15.—Meyer Schofield made a statement today that the cost makers' strike would be formally declared off tonight or tomorrow. All contractors, he said, will have signed the new agreement tomorrow. Leopold Schwartz says 1800 men and women of children's jacket makers' union went to work today, and 168 shops are now open. Seventy-two contractors thus far have refused to accept the strikers' terms. Pants makers' strike continues. Forty-five contractors have thus far signed. It is stated that knee-pants makers' will not strike until next week.

MARYLAND REPUBLICANS.

The Hottest Kind of a State Convention in Session Today.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
CAMBRIDGE, Md., Aug. 15.—Everything is hot at Cambridge today. Delegates and visitors to the Republican state convention had but little sleep last night, and therefore suffered more than ordinarily from the intense heat. Bands paraded the streets at irregular intervals throughout the night and kept up the enthusiasm of the workers for the respective candidates. There were several conferences between leading candidates for the gubernatorial nomination before the convention was called to order, but nothing in the nature of a compromise ticket could be agreed upon. Supporters of Loyd Lowndes were so confident of his nomination that they refused to yield to any proposition made by the Malster men.

CORBETT MARRIED.

He Marries an Actress After Being Divorced one Month.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
ASBURY PARK, N. J., Aug. 15.—James Corbett, champion pugilist, and Miss Jessie Taylor of Omaha, Neb., were quietly married in the Corbett cottage this forenoon by Justice John A. Boerden of Asbury Park. Corbett had invited only three of his Asbury Park friends to the wedding. The couple left on a wedding tour which will last until the first of September. The bride is known on the stage as Vera Stanwood. Corbett was divorced from a former wife a month since.

TRAMPS KILLED IN A WRECK.

And a Boston Passenger Train Has a Very Narrow Escape.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
PUTNAM, Conn., Aug. 15.—A double freight train on the New England road

broke apart a mile west of Pomfret station last night. Ten cars were destroyed and three tramps who were stealing a ride on a flat car loaded with engine driving wheels were killed. Their bodies were badly mangled and no clue to their identity is to be had. Brakeman Benson was considerably injured. He was found under a bale of wool which was held down by a beam. The contents of the cars consisting of wool in bales was not damaged. An excursion train from Boston to Hartford had a narrow escape from striking the wreck. It struck a man at Dayville, and was thus delayed long enough to save it.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

It Does Not Reveal the New Ministry's Policy.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
LONDON, Aug. 15.—The queen's speech was read in the house of lords this afternoon. The speech makes brief reference to the Chinese-Japanese war, Armenia troubles, the outrages upon missionaries in China and affairs in the Cape of Good Hope, and concludes: "At this season of the year it will probably be found more convenient to defer until another session the consideration of any important legislative matters except those necessary to provide for the administrative charges of the year."

THE DEPOT IMPROVEMENTS.

The Request of the Board of Trade Granted by the Fitchburg Company.

The request of the board of trade in regard to improvements at the depot has been granted, and at present a gang of a dozen men are at work under Michael Kelleher making them. The work is being done under the supervision of Engineer F. O. Melcher of the Fitchburg railroad company, which company is making the improvements. The improvements will consist of a concrete walk with granite curbing eighteen feet wide from the depot to where the walk will branch to Summer street. The walk will be continued to meet the sidewalk at the city hall, and up to the crossing at State street. These branches will be about twelve feet wide and there will be about 300 feet of walk in all. There will be fifteen feet of granite pavement laid where the backs stand and there will be paved gutters and water basins. The whole yard will be graded and a surface similar to macadam will be made. The walk that will branch up to meet the sidewalk at the city hall will be several inches higher than the present level, which will be very desirable.

An effort is being made to have an agreement arrived at between the railroad company and the town in regard to lighting Depot square properly. If the town agrees to place an arc lamp near the city hall the railroad company will place a lamp near the oval. It has been suggested to the town that it's lamp now at State street bridge be removed about twenty-five feet up State street so that its rays would pass the trees and flood down towards the depot. If these things are done Depot square will be brilliantly lighted. The Fitchburg railroad deserves the thanks of the people for yielding so readily to their request through the board of trade. The board has in this instance, as well as in many others, shown its usefulness. Colonel Bracewell is chairman of the committee that brought about these improvements.

In the District Court.

In the district court this morning William Heindley, Caesar Miller, John Shanahan, and William and Eddie Lenia, all boys were charged with making a disturbance on Ashland street last evening. They were arrested by Special Officer Gale, who claimed that they were disturbing a sick child. The judge gave them a mild lecture and ordered them discharged.

Amos A. Dowd was fined \$5 for drunkenness. The case against Moses Holley for vagrancy, continued from last week was again continued until Monday.

Miss Anna Boland leaves today for a visit to friends at Fitchburg, Holyoke and Springfield.

Miss Katie Flaherty will entertain a number of her friends at what this evening at her home on Centre street.

HEALTH COMMANDMENTS.

1. Thou shalt have no other food than at mealtimes.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any pies, or put into the pastry the likeness of anything that is in the heavens above or in the earth below. Thou shalt not fall to chew or digest it, for dyspepsia shall be visited upon the children to the third generation of them that eat pie and long life and vigor upon those that live prudently and keep the laws of health.
3. Remember thy bread to bake it well, for he will not be kept sound that eateth his bread as dough.
4. Thou shalt not indulge sorrow or borrow anxiety in vain.
5. Six days shalt thou wash and keep thyself clean and the seventh day thou shalt take a great bath, thou and thy son, thy daughter and thy maid-servant and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days man sweats and gathers filth and bacteria enough for disease, whereupon the Lord bath blessed the bathtub and hallowed it.
6. Remember thy sitting room and bed-chamber to keep them well ventilated, that thy days may be long in the land.
7. Thou shalt not eat hot biscuit—wait.
8. Thou shalt not eat meat fried.
9. Thou shalt not eat thy food unchewed, or highly spiced, or just before work, or just after it.
10. Thou shalt not keep late hours in thy neighbor's house, nor with thy neighbor's wife, nor man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his cards, nor his glass, nor with anything that is thy neighbor's. Thus endeth the tenth commandment—Medical Brief.

SHORT SERMONS.

Ideas are oftentimes shy of the close furniture of words.—Tupper.

Fuzzily, like darkness, reveals the heavenly lights.—Thoreau.

NOT SUPERNATURAL.

Telegraphic Messages Can be Sent Through the Tunnel.

A SHADY STORY SHAKEN.

Why Telegraphic Communication Is Held by Wires Over the Mountain. That Cable Made by Professor Mowbray. Was Hidden in the Cavern.

The following paragraph appeared in the New York Paper Trade Journal and has gone the rounds of the press: "North Adams continues to be puzzled over a queer crank of electricity in its vicinity. Although when the great four and a half mile Hooper tunnel was built no ore magnetic or otherwise were encountered, there was a general expectation that rich ore pockets would be found. For a yet unexplained reason not an electrician has been discovered who can send a telegraphic message on a wire running from portal to portal of that tunnel, be it above or below the level of the ground. The wire runs inside of an ocean cable through the huge cavern or out of it. Therefore such messages have to be sent on wires strung on poles over the top of the mountain, fully nine miles and in the way of going and outcoming passenger and freight trains are heralded to the keepers of the two tunnel approaches. In order to maintain this overland mountain tunnel line a creek and bushes directly up the steep mountain side, which reminds one of a modern dude with a well defined central hair parting from forehead to crown. The creek is the water of the creek man, although somewhat disturbed by the subterranean mystery, keeps right on with his enterprising knitting."

This is very well for a story, but a scientist if he read it would smile. The tunnel would have to be a great helix indeed, to prevent an electric current passing through it in an ocean cable or out of one. North Adams is up to date in most things, but does not claim to have anything within her borders that sets defiance to natural laws. When she is able to build a house one on top of the other without supports then she will claim, perhaps, such a "crankism" in the tunnel. The yarn reminds one of the story told about the early experiments in using the "ground" as a large telegraphic line ceased suddenly to work, and the men in charge began to believe that the science of telegraphing that way was controlled by vagrant spirits, but a disbeliever in supernaturalism found an unthinking railroad employee was the author of the mystery. It was found a crow-bar rested against a switch, and against the line where it was brought near the ground. Hence a short circuit.

The fact is telegraphic communication has been held through that mysterious cavern, and there is no scientific objection to holding it today but the dampness of the bore. The water drips continually almost from its rocky roof and good insulation is almost an impossible thing. During the days when the state controlled the tunnel a cable ran through it and was used constantly. The service was very far from being perfect and the cable was removed. The railroad lines were then run over the mountain along side of the Western union wires, which, by the way, crossed the mountain before ever a train went under it. The abandoned cable was one made by the late Professor Mowbray of North Adams, the man of nitro-glycerine fame, and when it was taken out it was tested. The tests showed that the insulation was very imperfect. It was full of holes which caused great waste of current. The cable was enclosed in a tarred box and was lodged in the tunnel floor. It was, consequently, at many places covered by water or very moist earth. It is the opinion of those who have given the matter any thought that it is far cheaper to maintain a wire over the mountain than a cable in the tunnel and far safer for traffic. Should a smash up take place in the tunnel like the one that happened recently a cable in the bore would in all probability be destroyed at the place and then when communication would be most desired it would be hopelessly cut off. Trains might pile in on the wreck already there and the horror of horrors might result.

A cable to work well in the tunnel and be safe would need to be buried deeply in the bed. Such a proceeding would be expensive and most difficult because it is solid rock nearly the whole length. It is perhaps well to call the attention of those who believe there is an electric "crankism" in the tunnel to the fact that the tunnel is at present lighted by electricity. There is not much more trouble found in running a current through it for lighting purposes than is estimated in running one in covered wires on poles for ordinary commercial lighting. If a cable impervious to moisture were deeply laid in the tunnel's bed the current necessary for telegraphing would pass through it as naturally and easily as one would through the telephone cables that will be placed in the Main street conduit, and better, for there would be no street car grounds to cause induction.

Reception on Bank Street.

There was an open-air and general reception given on Bank street this morning to almost every one that passed by between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock. It was given by a hundred or more TRANSCRIPT news boys while waiting to start on their annual ride and picnic. The youthful receivers on this occasion occupied elevated seats on three large wagons. The formality of any introduction was dispensed with and a whole-soul, brass-banged welcome was given most every one who passed by. Among these were Senator Lawrence who got a hearty cheer and tipped his political hat to 125 prospective voters. Judge Thayer, as he came out of the police court, thought the whole reception committee should be arrested for contempt of court but was so flattered by a cheer that he softened. Dr. Thayer of Adams was another recipient of boyish enthusiasm and as he walked away was asked for "second on day cigar." O. C. Gardner got it in this punny fashion "Oh, see Gardner!" and Gardner didn't stay to be seen long, but blushed and passed on. Editor Sanford got blockaded and cheered. The tailors and tailoresses in F. J. Boland's tailor room windows got a fusillade of pealings till they had to retire and wait for the procession to move. And every one got it from young and hilarious America.

BURGLARS AGAIN.

THIS TIME THEY ENTER A HOUSE IN ADAMS AND DO A SLICK JOB.

J. Byron Richmond Relieved of a Valuable Watch and Some Money. Did Not Take Checks or Notes.

When J. Byron Richmond drove down to Adams this morning from his residence at Moringside he brought with him intelligence that burglars had entered his house last night and had stolen his watch and some money. He knew nothing of it until this morning when he awoke and saw long burned matches strewn about the floor. His clothes were not in their usual position and upon investigating he found the watch and chain gone, a five dollar bill and about three dollars of other money. In Mr. Richmond's wallet were various papers, among them checks to the amount of \$105, notes, memoranda, etc. One of the checks was endorsed and thus negotiable, but the burglars took none of them; although there was evidence that they had been sorted. Quite a little food and drink was taken.

The burglars entered by a window on the south side of the house, prying it open, as it was locked. The work is in all probability that of professionals as they did the work so quietly, not even disturbing Mr. Richmond, although almost all their work was done in his sleeping apartment.

A BAD RUNAWAY.

The Thills Come Down and a Woman's Thigh Is Broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moss of Williamstown met with a very bad accident last night about 8.30 p. m. They were returning from North Adams and when in front of the residence of E. W. Blackinton in Blackinton one of the bolts that supports the thills broke, letting one side of the thills down on the horse's heels. The horse being young and spirited he gave a sudden start, throwing Mr. Moss to the ground who held to the reins and was dragged a short distance when he was compelled to let go his hold. The horse started with Mrs. Moss in the buggy and ran until in front of the shed of E. W. Blackinton's store, where in making a short turn to go into the shed Mrs. Moss was thrown against the side of the shed and rendered unconscious. She was picked up and carried into the house of Arthur W. Smith, where everything was done to make her as comfortable as possible. Dr. Galvin was called and upon examination it was found that her thigh was broken about eight inches above the knee. The doctor dressed the fracture so that she could be taken to her home in Williamstown. Mrs. Moss is a woman about forty-two years of age and has seven small children, the oldest being only sixteen years old. Mr. Moss was badly shaken up but otherwise escaped injury. The charity of Mr. Smith and wife in placing their house at the disposal of the injured woman and also the young men's attention who assisted in taking her home were very kind favors.

STREET WIDENING.

Dissatisfaction Caused. Such Action Is Expensive to the Town.

The county commissioners during their visit yesterday stated out the line of South Church street, making the road three rods wide. This will take considerable off from the properties of Messrs. White, Gleason and Blood. South of the premises of these men some will be taken on both sides of the road and there is liable to be big claims for damages. The commissioners heard testimony yesterday in regard to damages in the case of Mr. Gleason and others, but no decision will be rendered until another meeting of the commissioners. The widening of the street is causing considerable dissatisfaction. One of the counsel was so disturbed over the matter he would not present his client's case. The circumstances connected with the widening of South Church street show what a difficult and expensive matter the relocating of West Main street lines will be if attempted. The town will have to pay all the assessed damages and in the event of West Main street being widened they would almost amount to enough to build another reservoir.

NO GROUNDS FOR ACTION.

A Vermont Law Says You Can't Travel for Pleasure Sundays.

The matter of entering suit against the Fitchburg railroad company to recover damages on account of the recent terrible killing near Pownall, Vt., has been left in the hands of Lawyers Thayer, Ashe and Macene. It is doubtful if any action can be taken. The accident happened in Vermont state which has a law prohibiting Sunday travel unless in case of necessity or charity, and it is held that the cases could not be gotten before a jury as it could not be shown that the men who were killed were traveling for anything but pleasure. If they were traveling illegally there is no ground for suit. Could the case be gotten to a jury it would become necessary to show that the railroad had violated the law or was negligent.

STOLE HIS BEANS.

Individuals Have a Repast and Leave the Knives and Forks.

Of all the burglaries that have happened in Berkshire the one reported from N. B. Wescott's restaurant on Main street is to be overlooked the most. Two boys were the informers in the case and they said they saw it. Mr. Wescott of course missed the property. The property was a pan of beans, cooked the nicest that Mr. Wescott could cook them, and two knives and two forks. The knives and forks were returned to the boys and they gave names, go into Mr. Wescott's place and bring out the beans and cutlery. Then they repaired to the rear of the buildings and sat down and enjoyed the dish. When they had finished they departed leaving the dish, knives and forks and Mr. Wescott recovered them.

ITALIAN LABORERS.

Large Gang of Them Arrive in Town This Afternoon.

NOT HERE TO BUILD THE RAILROAD.

President Richmond interviewed About Their Coming—Their Leader Says Lack of Tools Only Keeps Them Idle—Expect to Begin Work.

A gang of Italian laborers arrived in town today a little after 12 o'clock. There were about fifty of them and a leader said they were engaged to work on the Hooper Valley street railroad extension. They arrived by way of Pittsfield and their appearance in town caused much commotion and no little talk about "imported Italian labor." A number of them were interviewed about 1.30 o'clock this afternoon and they said all that kept them from going to work was the lack of tools.

President Richmond of the street railroad company was sought and was interviewed about the arrival of the Italians. He said he had no knowledge whatever about their arrival and didn't know they were going to be in town. He said the building of the street railway was not to be done by contract and that it was being done by the company. They had made no bargain with Italian laborers to come to town, he said, and emphasized this when he said local labor would be given the preference in the work.

Since the above was written it has been learned that most of the Italians who arrived in town this morning are to go to work on Brown & Weber's west-end lots tomorrow morning. The boss of the gang said that they had been in the employ of John Marsh in the water works at Dalton, and had now come to this town under his charge. They are at present without prospective shelter for the night.

A Bear Scare.

Either bears are more numerous than ever before, or truthfulness and excited imagination are stalking this part of Berkshire as never before in recent years.

Hinddale is the scene at present of a bear scare. A hog was killed on the Curtis farm there the other day by some wild animal, and now all the stock shows symptoms of fright and fear. It is said a large bear is in the vicinity, and farmers are on the watch for him.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

—There are new hobble horses on River street.

—Whitney and Duggan and O'Brien and Murray will be the players in the Flaherty pool tournament tomorrow night.

—Dr. Hart, who made a visit to this town last year and entertained crowds, is again in town and will pitch his tent on River street.

The floor of the back dining hall of the Wilson has been covered with linoleum by Tupper & Bryant. The floors of both dining halls are now matched and when desired both halls can be thrown into one.

—There are now 163 entries for the sports of the diocesan field day and among them are some of the best amateur athletes of the diocese. The distribution of the lunch boxes began yesterday afternoon by Messrs. Patterson and Smith.

—Court North Adams, 3575, Ancient Order of Foresters of America will hold its first social this evening in Columbia opera house. Columbia orchestra, Professor Briggs director, will furnish music. A fine program has been arranged and no doubt the evening will be passed very enjoyably. A large number will be present.

—Mrs. Adele Lord, wife of Undertaker Lord of this town, accompanied by her brother, E. Lavigne, of Cohoes, N. Y., and A. Ballagreen and wife of the same place, will sing this evening at the Adams reception of the St. Jean Baptiste society, which is expected to be a pleasant occasion.

—The Bennington man whose wagon and harness were traded to Mr. Gardner the other night, has been in town and received his property. He got his horse, too. The animal was traded to a Williamstown man by the thief, who traded again with Mr. Gardner. The thief is known and it is believed he is rusticated at Haskin's camp near Berkshire.

Homer Litchfield of the Advance job print works will leave Saturday for Lake St. Catherine, N. Y., where he will camp out for a week with a party of friends from Rutland, Vt.

Miss Grace Anderson of Chase avenue who has been confined to the house by illness for the past few weeks is rapidly recovering.

Miss Lizzie Wolfendale of Fall River, who has been the guest of E. R. Duds-worth for a few days, returned to her home today.

John Jones, the well known hack driver for J. H. Flagg, is confined to his home on Holden street by illness.

Jerry Upton of the Wilson house is enjoying a week's vacation.

Miss Edna and Madge Messier went to North Bennington, Vt., last night for a few days visit with their cousin, Miss Florence Allen.

Barr Goodrich will go to Plattsburg today to play ball with the Plattsburg Athletic association's team, a team composed of college men. He will be absent for several weeks.

Clarence Walker of Martin's shoe store is enjoying a two weeks vacation at Otis pond near Hinsdale.

Arthur Braman, who has been at Burlington, Vt., and along the shore of Lake Champlain for six weeks, has returned and is now employed in M. V. N. Braman's grocery store.

Miss Mabel Blossom entertained friends at what last evening at the home of her mother, Dr. Blossom of a Church place.

Horace Benton has gone to New Haven for a few weeks.

S. S. Mather of Cutting's store will go to Ashfield Monday to spend a two weeks' vacation.

C. N. Benedict will return tomorrow from Bay Side, R. I., where he has been for two weeks.

Miss Katherine Carthy, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Jennie McNamee, has returned to her home in Lee.

Miss Sally Jones of Liverpool, England, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sperry.

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